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SUBJECT: S/CT WILCOX VISIT: MEETING WITH JEWISH
COMMUNITY LEADER

① PTER-AMIA

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. DURING HIS SEPTEMBER 6-7 VISIT TO BUENOS AIRES, S/CT COORDINATOR PHIL WILCOX HAD BREAKFAST WITH DR. RUBEN BERAJA, PRESIDENT OF THE COUNTRY'S LEADING JEWISH CIVIC ORGANIZATION, DAIA. DR. BERAJA WAS ACCOMPANIED BY DAIA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALFREDO NEWBURGER. DCM ALSO ATTENDED. AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE WILCOX OPENED WITH HIS CONDOLENCES OVER THE JULY 18 AMIA BOMBING. IN RESPONSE TO MR. WILCOX'S QUESTIONS, BERAJA SAID: THE B.A. JEWISH COMMUNITY NUMBERED ABOUT 300,000; HE DESCRIBED MUSLIM ARGENTINES AS SCATTERED ALL OVER THE COUNTRY AND GENERALLY WELL INTEGRATED INTO SOCIETY; AND HE KNEW OF NO CONFRONTATIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD SITUATIONS BETWEEN JEWISH AND MUSLIM RESIDENTS.

3. BERAJA WAS GENERALLY SATISFIED WITH THE GOA'S IMMEDIATE REACTION TO THE AMIA BOMBING -- OFFICIALS ARE AT LEAST VERBALLY SUPPORTIVE -- BUT HE WONDERED IF THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE THE STAYING POWER TO MAINTAIN A HIGH SECURITY POSTURE AND TO FIND THOSE RESPONSIBLE. MR. WILCOX EMPHASIZED THAT THERE WERE NO MAGIC SOLUTIONS FOR TERRORIST INVESTIGATIONS. THEY REQUIRE PATIENCE, RESOURCES AND PERSISTENCE. BERAJA URGED WILCOX TO ENCOURAGE THE GOA TO DEDICATE ADEQUATE RESOURCES TO THE

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CASE (WHICH HE DID AT THE SESSION WITH GOA
COUNTERTERRORISM OFFICIALS THE NEXT DAY). BERAJA
GREATLY APPRECIATED U.S. SUPPORT IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE
BOMBING AND PROMISED TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH US THROUGH
THE EMBASSY. CHEEK
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